



***Interagency Council on Homelessness  
Emergency Response and Shelter  
Operations (ERSO) Committee***



***27 July 2022***

# Meeting Agenda



- I. **Welcome & Agenda Review (5 mins)**
  - a) **Introduction & Agenda Review**
  - b) **Call for Partners Updates/Announcements**
- II. **Discussion Items (80 mins)**
  - a) **Prioritization Framework for Supplemental HUD CoC NOFO (20 mins)**
  - b) **Hyperthermia Check-In (20 mins)**
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  - a) **DC Wave Festival: Community Wellness at Franklin Park on Aug 13**
- IV. **Summary and Adjournment (5 mins)**
  - a) **Next Meeting: August 24 2022 from 1 – 2:30 PM**

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# Supplemental HUD CoC NOFO



- ❖ **Available Funding Opportunities.** HUD released a [Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#). CoCs will have the opportunity to submit projects for two funding opportunities through this Special NOFO:
  1. **Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside.** Projects may serve any geographic area within the CoC and must meet all eligibility and quality threshold requirements. A CoC's maximum award amount for this funding opportunity is described in the NOFO. **The District is eligible for ~ \$14.6 million.**
  2. **Rural Set Aside.** Projects included in this funding opportunity must serve geographic areas that meet the definition of "rural area" established by HUD. CoCs whose geographic areas do not include any rural areas are not eligible for funding under this funding opportunity. The District is not eligible for the Rural Set Aside.
- ❖ **CoC Project Review and Ranking.** Project applications must be submitted to the CoC to be included on the CoC Priority Listing. CoCs must review and either accept and rank, or reject project applications submitted to them, including project applications for CoC Planning Costs. All project applications approved by the CoC must be listed on the CoC Priority Listing in rank order.

# Components & Process



- ❖ **Prioritization Framework:** needs to be established immediately so that TCP can begin the Project Application Process and Ranking Committee can review projects before October Deadline.
- ❖ **Comprehensive CoC Plan:** must be written while TCP is administering the Project Application Process so it can be submitted as part of the application package to HUD. It's worth 70 of the 100 total points.
- ❖ **Project Application Process:** TCP working to establish process and train providers ASAP so that as soon as the prioritization framework is adopted TCP can start accepting applications.
- ❖ **Project Review and Ranking:** non-conflicted ICH members convene to review the performance and justification letters and establish how projects are ranked based on the prioritization framework.

# Recommended Prioritization Framework



Order	Types of Projects We Can Fund	Notes
1	Joint TH/RRH for unaccompanied individuals	<p>Potential examples to consider and discuss include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single men, as TH/RRH programs already exist for youth, women, and families.</li> <li>• Employment or “work bed” focus to create flow in LBS system while keeping Bridge Housing focused on “outreach beds” or clients matched to housing.</li> <li>• Single men or women with justice system history</li> </ul>
2	RRH for unaccompanied individuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Even with FY22 expansion of DHS RRH-I, we are well behind our projected need outlined in Homeward DC of 2,300 slots by FY25.</li> <li>• Opportunity to rebrand as an employment-based program and partner with housing providers with extensive employment programming.</li> <li>• HUD-funded RRH may allow for diversification of providers and programming because it gives us flexibility to house singles outside of DC</li> </ul>
3	HMIS and Planning Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any HMIS and planning projects that help us improve data collection and reporting at the front door, particularly for unsheltered clients.</li> </ul>
4	PSH for unaccompanied individuals	<p>PSH is the lowest priority recommended under this NOFO since:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We know several project-based sites are coming online in the following months and year, including Hill East set to come online in January with over 100 units</li> <li>• Experienced PSH providers in the community likely do not have the capacity to put together an application while also preparing for Medicaid expansion.</li> </ul>
5	Supportive Services Only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can only be used to help the fund coordinated entry system; comes with additional requirements and logistical work to onboard those requirements.</li> </ul>

# If no Consensus; ERSO Voting Slate from 2020



Co-Chairs	Reginald Black (PFFC)
	Bill Kuennen (DHS)
Government Seats	Department of Behavioral Health
	Department of Human Service (filled via co-chair)
	Department of General Services
	Homeland Security & Emergency Management
	Metropolitan Police Department
Collaborative Applicant (TCP)	Charlene Traylor
Community 5 representatives of service provider, advocate, and/or business/philanthropic entities	1) Kate Coventry, DCFPI 2) Amanda Chesney, Catholic Charities 3) Mike Ferrell, Coalition for the Homeless 4) Abby Sypek, CHGM 5) UPO
Constituents w/ lived experience:	Reginald Black (filled via co-chair)
	Qaadir El-Amin

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# Hyperthermia Check-In



- ❖ To review heat alerts and operational modifications since the last ERSO meeting
  
- ❖ To reflect on
  - What worked well?
  - Any barriers and challenges?
  - Any feedback or recommendations for next year?
  
- ❖ Previously established that our system is vulnerable to HVAC outages, so want to make sure we have appropriate protection measures in place.

# Alerts Called & Operational Modifications



- ❖ Since 6/22 ERSO meeting:
  - Heat Alerts: 7/01, 7/06, 7/08, 7/12, 7/18,
  - Hot Weather Emergency (projected heat alerts for 4 or more days): 7/20, 7/21, 7/22, 7/23, 7/24 and 7/25

❖ Operational Modifications

Mostly related to the Hot Weather Emergency

- **Day Center Services:** extended hours on Saturday and Sunday. See table below.
- **Shelter Hotline Transport:** extra rounds at normal hot spots
- **DHS Outreach Teams:** pounding the pavement Saturday and Sunday

Downtown Day Centers were able to quickly secure approval to operate on Sunday. Request for census from the DDCS, 801 East and Adam’s Place Day Center outside the normal hours of operations.

- **Cooling Buses Secured:** HT Women’s Shelter, NYA Men’s Shelter, and Starburst Plaza  
 Easy to locate buses at HT and NYA and those are sites that everyone walks up to! Need for buses near Mc Pherson Square because clients don’t want to go all the way to NYA or HT for cooling buses.

Center	7/23 (Saturday) Extended Hours	7/24 (Sunday) Extended Hours
Downtown Day Service Center	10 am – 6 pm	11 am – 6 pm
801 East Shelter	9 am – 6 pm	9 am – 6 pm
Adam’s Place Day Center	7 am – 7 pm	7 am – 7 pm

Beds at Adam’s Place Day Center as well. Even though the census was not high, was especially helpful with beds for women. It’s tight for women on daily basis during the summer months.



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# Hypothermia Planning



Goal is to review the following

- ❖ Demand for beds estimated by the Shelter Capacity for single men and women; and

- ❖ Inventory of facilities and beds that will likely be available to meet this demand for beds

There are a lot of unknowns so we will explore 3 scenarios

- **Scenario 1:** PEPV sunsets end of FY22
- **Scenario 2:** PEPV and Emery are online, Pat Handy Legacy and Blair are under construction
- **Scenario 3:** PEPV, Pat Handy Legacy and Blair are online, Emery is under construction

# Demand for Single Men and Women Beds



- ❖ ICH Shelter Capacity recommends:
  - 1,400 beds for single men
  - 550 beds for single women
  
- ❖ Data reviewed by the ICH Shelter Capacity WG

**Occupancy of Men and Women Shelters on Alert and Non-Alert Nights, November 2021 – March 2022**

Population	Alert Status	Maximum	Minimum	Median	Mode	Average
All Men's Shelters Combined	Alert Nights	1328	1159	1280	1301	1267
	Non-Alert Nights	1393	1130	1231	1144	1239
All Women's Shelters Combined	Alert Nights	526	433	501	507	495
	Non-Alert Nights	516	412	477	485	469

# Inventory of Facilities to Meet Demand



## Scenario 1: PEPV Sunsets end of FY22

Inventory for Men				
Name of Facility	Beds			
	Year-Round	Seasonal	Overflow	Total
New York Avenue	225		25	
801 East: Low Barrier Beds	192		40	
801 East: Specialized Senior & Employment Beds	140			
Adams Place Shelter	125			
Community for Creative Non-Violence (CCNV) Drop-In Center	100		20	
<b>Emery</b>	<b>100</b>			
<b>Pat Handy Legacy</b>	<b>130</b>			
<b>Blair</b>	<b>72</b>			
Valley Place	35			
Adams Place Day Center		40	20	
<b>Men's Capacity</b>	<b>1,119</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>1,264</b>
Overflow Capacity			As needed	

Inventory for Women				
Name of Facility	Beds			
	Year-Round	Seasonal	Overflow	Total
D.C. General Building 9-Harriet Tubman	155			
Patricia Handy Swing Space	140			
Saint Josephine Bakhita (formerly Nativity Shelter)	20			
Community for Creative Non-Violence (CCNV) Drop-In Center	30			
Girard Street	40			
Adams Place Day Center		15		
<b>Women's Capacity</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>400</b>
Overflow Capacity			As needed	

# Inventory of Facilities to Meet Demand



Scenario 2: PEPV & Emery are available; Pat Handy Legacy and Blair are under construction

Inventory for Men				
Name of Facility	Beds			
	Year-Round	Seasonal	Overflow	Total
New York Avenue	225		25	
801 East: Low Barrier Beds	192		40	
801 East: Specialized Senior & Employment Beds	140			
Adams Place Shelter	125			
Community for Creative Non-Violence (CCNV) Drop-In Center	100		20	
PEPV Hotels at Double Occupancy	465			
PEPV Backfill (at average of 12 exits per week)	151			
Emery	100			
Valley Place	35			
Adams Place Day Center		40	20	
<b>Men's Capacity</b>	<b>1,533</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>1,678</b>
Overflow Capacity			As needed	

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Saint Josephine Bakhita (formerly Nativity Shelter)	20			
Community for Creative Non-Violence (CCNV) Drop-In Center	30			
PEPV Hotels at Double Occupancy	199			
PEPV Backfill (at average of 12 exits per week)	75			
Girard Street	40			
Adams Place Day Center		15		
<b>Women's Capacity</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>674</b>
Overflow Capacity			As needed	

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Scenario 2: PEPV, Pat Handy Legacy & Blair are available; Emery is under construction

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Blair	72			
Valley Place (Previously Apartment Style Family Shelter)	35			
Adams Place Day Center		40	20	
<b>Men's Capacity</b>	<b>1,635</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>1,780</b>
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# Implications



- ❖ **Scenario 1:** PEPV sunsets end of FY22
  - Even if Blair, Emery, and Pat Handy Legacy are online, significant shortfall of beds
  - Short 136 men beds and 150 women beds
  - Will need ~6 rec centers if each rec center supports ~50 beds
  
- ❖ **Scenario 2:** PEPV and Emery are online, Pat Handy Legacy and Blair are under construction
  - No shortfall in beds
  - No need for rec centers
  - Also, no need for seasonal beds at Adam's Day Service Center!
  
- ❖ **Scenario 3:** PEPV, Pat Handy Legacy and Blair are online, Emery is under construction
  - No shortfall in beds
  - No need for rec centers
  - Also, no need for seasonal beds at Adam's Day Service Center

# Unknowns/Questions/Concerns



- ❖ Migrants seeking shelter? How does that impact our system?
- ❖ Estimate total of individuals who have come through the area: 4,500
- ❖ Article mentioning that 10 – 15% of migrants hope to stay in the District; inflow might be quite high and the services currently available do not help address immediate or longer-term planning
  - Estimate of people who want to stay here is likely 400-500 already
  - Roughly 100 people arrive every day and no idea about how long this may last
- ❖ Ensuring we have language services: most popular language is Spanish
  - Do providers have Spanish-speaking staff?
  - Note that this goes beyond over the phone capacity of translation and in-person support is much needed to support intake, especially at night.
- ❖ Why aren't we specifying that we annually serve 8,000 individuals experiencing homelessness and we don't have services and resources for our District residents experiencing homelessness.

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# Bed Reservation for Low Barrier Programming



- ❖ New LGBTQ+ shelter for single adults
- ❖ Opening early August with 27 beds
- ❖ Intake is low-barrier with the ability to hold beds for clients if individuals want to continue staying there

## Key Discussion Questions:

- ❖ Does Shelter Hotline currently ask how many beds are reserved for clients that work overnight or graveyard shifts?
- ❖ How are bed reservations identified in Nightly Census?
- ❖ How will shelter capacity reports reflect reserved vs offline beds so we have an accurate count of shelter capacity?

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# DC Wave Festival



- ❖ Community wellness event
  - at Franklin Park
  - on August 13 (rain date Aug 20) from 10 am to 3 pm
- ❖ **Featuring:** Live stage with performances by Vida (Yoga), local artists, poetry and the Community Family Life Services (CFLS) speakers bureau
- ❖ **Early adopters:** DC Health, DPR, DHS, DHCD, Office of Gun Violence Prevention, VOA, DOES, Downtown DC BID, Rentry Action Network (RAN), Deeds of Kindness, etc

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